

XM satellite radio is one of the few listening outlets which is not dominated by the monopolies on popular stations held by Clear Channel or similar non-local radio empires. XM provides paying listeners with the only true alternative to these monopolies which the government has allowed to form and it is already outrageous that the only way to avoid such monopolistic programming in search of a reasonable alternative is to pay for it via satellite radio. Any efforts to stifle the progress of expanding technology via satellite radio should be redirected at breaking up the illegal monopolies held by Clear Channel and the like. It is understandable that companies like Clear Channel, who have already completely eradicated true local radio, would be upset by competition interfering with their domination of local markets in their one remaining stronghold in traffic and weather reporting. As the government has been incompetent in deconstructing these monopolies and failing to allow any semblance of competition in radio markets to survive it is refreshing that a company such as XM has been able to reintroduce it. Any claim by these empires that XM is interfering with their local markets is absurd, as local stations are no more local than XM in that they are programmed and run by Clear Channel and others outside of the local markets. Thank you for your time, and please allow competition to return to the national radio market.